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For: A CERAMIC SUPPORT CAPABLE OF
SUPPORTING A CATALYST, A CATALYST-
CERAMIC BODY AND PROCESSES FOR
PRODUCING SAME

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

As suggested by 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (b)(4), the undersigned attorney brings to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office the references listed on the attached form PTO-1449, a copy of each of which is enclosed. This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that no better prior art exists, or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

U.S. Patent No. 6,027,684 corresponds to WO Application No. 99/18047. U.S. Patent No. 6,099,793 corresponds to WO Application No. 99/28269.

U.S. Patent Nos. 4,347,063, 4,313,853 and 4,414,256 correspond to JP 58-30337.

U.S. Patent No. 5,935,897 corresponds to JP 9-117674.

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JP 59-62324 includes a description on page 2, upper left column, lines 16-19 which states: "That is, the present invention provides a filter comprising a porous ceramic layer and a porous glass layer whose pore size can be controlled in a range of 5 to 100Å and has a thickness 0.1 to 100 µm is laminated on the surface of the porous ceramic layer."

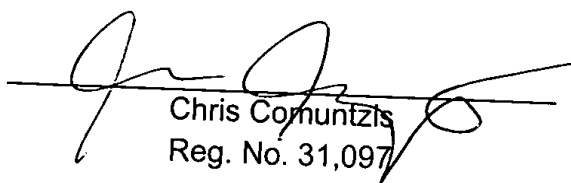
JP 57-78946 discloses in the claim "a catalyst for cleaning an exhaust gas characterized in that a noble metal catalyst component such as platinum, rhodium and paradium is supported on a catalyst support containing tungsten."

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Respectfully submitted,

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